



Substance Abuse Policy Statement



Substance abuse undermines our core values, degrades combat readiness, and brings discredit upon the Marine Corps. In addition to eroding our reputation and host-nation good will, it presents a significant risk to the readiness, discipline, and morale of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. It will not be tolerated.

As the critical enabler to providing "Fight Tonight" operational capabilities throughout the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing requires Marines, Sailors, and civilian employees who embrace exemplary ethical behavior on and off duty. Substance abuse, including the excessive consumption of alcohol, is incompatible with our core values and presents a significant hazard to our Marines, Sailors, families, aircraft, equipment, and good order and discipline. Not only does it contravene the ethical standards expected of us, but it undermines family readiness and jeopardizes opportunities for success on the battlefield or in crisis response.

Combating substance abuse requires the efforts and moral courage of every Marine and Sailor in 1st MAW. Each of us must be aware of the warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse and take positive steps to ensure that our fellow Marines and Sailors do not use drugs or misuse alcohol. This includes intervening before excessive drinking occurs, stopping a Marine or Sailor from driving under the influence of alcohol, and immediately challenging inappropriate behavior resulting from alcohol misuse. Additionally, if a Marine or Sailor needs help overcoming substance abuse issues, he or she must have the courage to seek help from the Substance Abuse Control Officer.

Leadership is critical to preventing substance abuse. Leaders at all levels must serve as positive examples, ensuring their attitudes are consistent with Marine Corps values and their behavior above reproach.

Semper Fidelis,

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